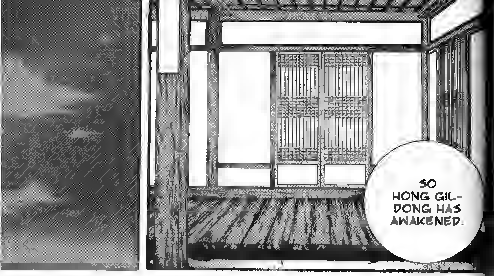
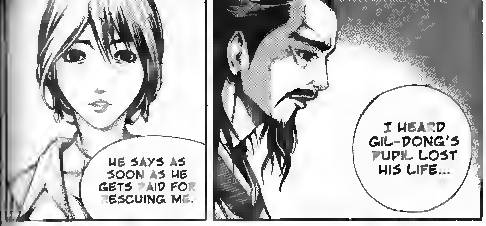
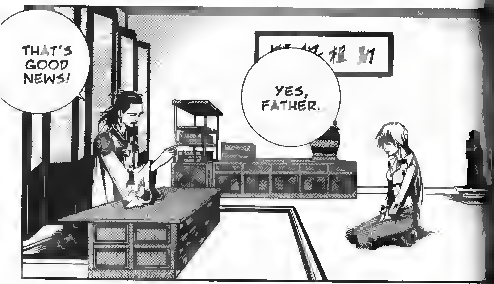
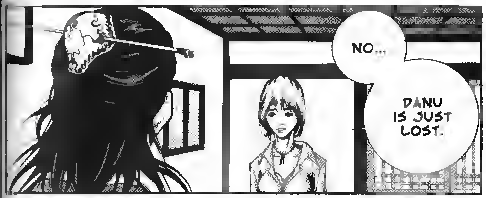
GIL-DONG!
H-HOW COULD THIS BE?
I'VE BEEN PRACTICING MEDICINE FOR FORTY YEARS AND I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A CASE
MAY I TAKE YOUR PULSE?
WHERE AM I?
DANU...?
UH... I JUST WANTED TO...
THIS DOCTOR HASN'T LEFT YOUR SIDE, GIL DONG
DON'T BE SO WARY OF HIM
.....
THIS IS MY HOME. MY FATHER'S HOME
DANU WAS NEVER FOUND
I SEE...


SO HONG GIL-DONG HAS AWAKENED.

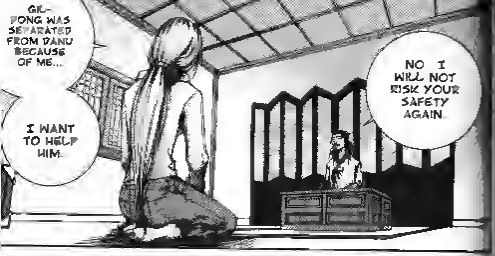

HE SAYS AS SOON AS HE GETS PAID FOR RESCUING ME.
I HEARD GIL-DONG'S PUPIL LOST HIS LIFE...

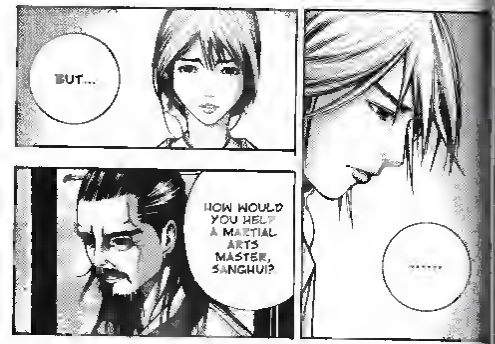

THAT'S GOOD NEWS!
YES, FATHER.


NO...
DANU IS JUST LOST.

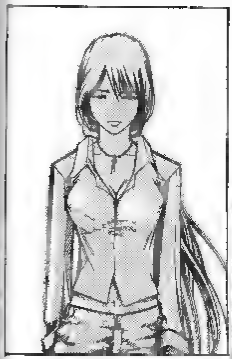
I WAS WORRIED SINCE HE WAS WOUNDED SO BADLY.
HA HA.
DID HE SAY WHEN HE WAS GOING TO LEAVE?

SWEETHEART... I HEARD HE LOST AN ARM AND FELL INTO THE GORGE. HE'S GONE.
NO! I WILL NOT ACCEPT THAT, AND NEITHER WILL GIL-DONG!
.....
THAT REMINDS ME, FATHER. I NEED A FAVOR.


GIL-PONG WAS SEPARATED FROM PANU BECAUSE OF ME...
I WANT TO HELP HIM.
NO. I WILL NOT RISK YOUR SAFETY AGAIN.

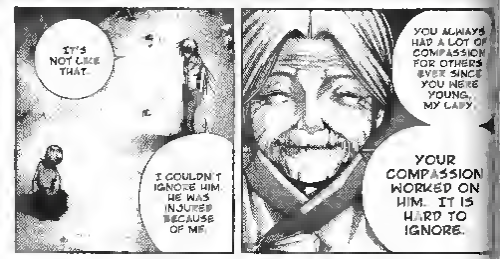

BUT...
HOW WOULD YOU HELP A MARTIAL ARTS MASTER, SANGHUI?
.....

I WILL. I PAY HIM WELL.
PUT YOUR MIND OF THE NOTION OF HELPING HIM.

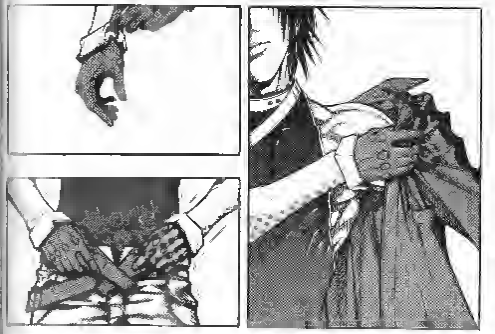


HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THERE?

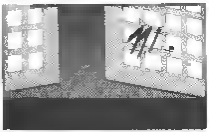
I SHOULD ASK YOU THE SAME THING. YOU RETURN AND YOU DON'T VISIT THIS OLD LADY.
YOU STAY AT THE DOCTOR'S BY YOUR YOUNG FRIEND
I HAVE TO DRAG MY OLD BONES TO YOU.


IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.
I COULDN'T IGNORE HIM. HE WAS INJURED BECAUSE OF ME.
YOU ALWAYS HAD A LOT OF COMPASSION FOR OTHERS EVEN SINCE YOU WERE YOUNG, MY LADY.
YOUR COMPASSION WORKED ON HIM. IT IS HARD TO IGNORE.

OH, NANNY...
EITHER WAY, I'M SO GLAD THAT YOU'RE HOME AND SAFE.
HA HA

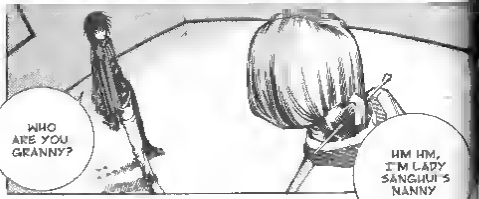


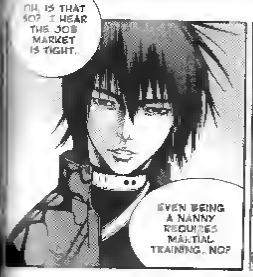
THE CLOTHES THEY HAVE FOR ME FIT RATHER WELL. AND I GOT PAID.
I HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO STAY FOR.
TIME TO GO.

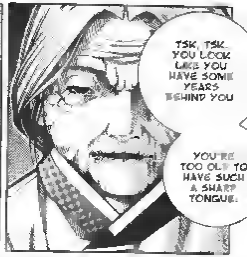


MAY I COME IN?

...?


WHO ARE YOU GRANNY?
HM HM, I'M LADY SANGHUI'S NANNY


OH, IS THAT SO? I HEAR THE JOB MARKET IS TIGHT.
EVEN BEING A NANNY REQUIRES MARTIAL TRAINING, NO?


TSK, TSK. YOU LOOK LIKE YOU HAVE SOME YEARS BEHIND YOU
YOU'RE TOO OLD TO HAVE SUCH A SHARP TONGUE.

THIS OLD WOMAN! SHE'S SO SKILLED THAT SHE CAN TELL THAT I REVERSED MY AGING PROCESS?

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK

I'M BUSY.
NO TIME FOR FAVORS, GRANNY!
I HEAR THAT KID NAMED DANU WAS INJURED AND IS NOW MISSING...
YOU COULD ASSUME THAT HE'S DEAD... BUT YOU HAVE NO PLANS TO GET REVENGE?
IT'S NOTHING DIFFICULT...
I JUST WANT YOU TO TAKE LADY SANGHUI WITH YOU ON YOUR JOURNEY.
HE'S NOT DEAD!
YOU SHOULDN'T TALK ABOUT THINGS YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND.
THE ROAD ISN'T EASY. I CAN'T AFFORD TO HAVE EXTRA BAGGAGE LIKE HER.
HM... I KNE YOU WERE GOING TO B LIKE THIS S I HAVE SOM INFORMAT O THAT YOU MIGHT FIN USEFUL.
I'M NOT LOOKING FOR A FIGHT, GIL-DONG
RELAX
AH FORGET IT
I'M ONLY LOOKING OUT FOR MYSELF
THIS ONE HAS A DEEP FIRE INSIDE HIM
I'M GONE

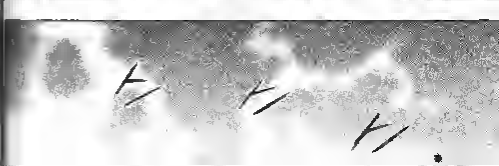
ALL RIGHT I'M SORRY
BUT IF YOU WANT TO AVENGE THAT KID, THEN YOU NEED TO GO UP AGAINST THE RED DRAGON KINGS RIGHT?
THAT'S MY BUSINESS! IT ISN'T YOUR PROBLEM, SO BUTT OUT!
EVEN AN ALOOF MASTER LIKE YOURSELF BECOMES INTERESTED WHEN A NOBLE LIKE YEONHWAGYEONG COMES U!
..HUH?
A DIRECT QUESTION THEN..
WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO DO ME THAT FAVOR IF I GIVE YOU A CLUE ABOUT YEONHWAGYEONG?
Y-YEONHWAG-YEONG!

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
YOU'RE QUITE THE COMEDIAN
BUT DON'T WASTE YOUR JOKES ON ME GRANNY
ALL OF IT TO GET TO THE LEVEL OF YEONHWAG-YEONG
BUT IN THE END...
WHAT, YOU--
I'VE MADE IT TO THE LEVEL OF HYEONGYEONG
AND I'VE TRAINED RUTHLESSLY FOR OVER TEN YEARS AFTER THAT
I REALIZED SOMETHING
THAT YEONHWAG-YEONG IS AN IMPOSSIBLE FANTASY. NO ONE COULD ACHIEVE IT

THEN WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE YOU BELIEVE?
IT'S SIMPLE
SHOW ME YEONHWAGYEONG
I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T TAKE MY WORD AT FACE VALUE
OKAY, I'LL SHOW YOU THE BASICS
.....
IT'D BE BEST IF YOU DEFEND YOURSELF

TH-
THAT'S
YEONHWAGYEONG

SHIELD!



MY SPINE IS TINGLING FROM ALL THE ENERGY SHE'S PUTTING INTO THE ROOM...
THIS IS LIKE...
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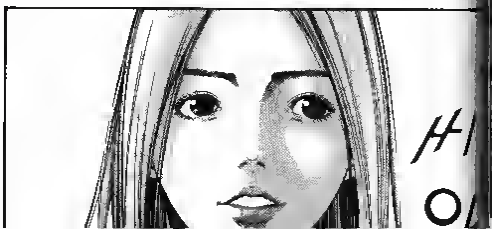
I WOULD BE ABLE TO FACE THEM IF I REACH THE LEVEL OF YEONHWAGYEONG...
GRANNY I GET IT. YOU CAN STOP NOW

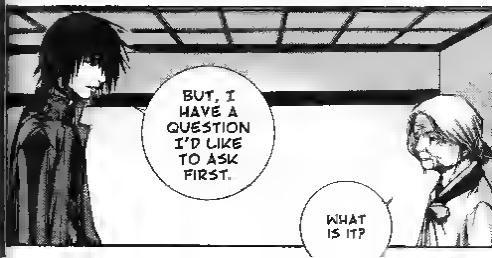
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT YEONHWAGYEONG REALLY EXISTS
BUT GRANNY...
...HOW DID EVERYONE IN THE COMPOUND NOT FEEL THAT BURST OF ENERGY?
NOW DO YOU BELIEVE ME?
WELL, WHEN WE WERE TALKING, I HAD ALREADY PUT A PROTECTIVE SHELL AROUND US WITH MY SPIRIT QUI
IF HER S'RIT QUI WAS OFFENSIVE INSTEAD OF DEFENSIVE, I'D ALREADY BE...
AND I DIDN'T REALIZE IT' WHEN DID SHE--
THIS IS YEONHWAGYEONG?

...
DON'T YOU WORRY. I'LL GET HIM ON BOARD.
YOU JUST PACK ALL THE THINGS YOU NEED, MY LADY. I'M HIM.
I WONDER IF NANNY CAN REALLY CONVINCE GIL-DONG.
I HOPE...
HEY YOU PUNK, LET GO!
YOU STARTED IT.
..THEY QUIT ACTING LIKE KIDS!

WELL, I GUESS I HAVE TO PUT MY FAITH IN NANNY...
HI
MOM

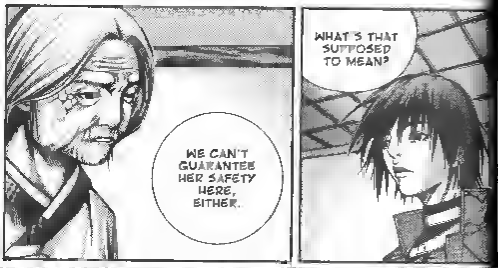

HI
MO

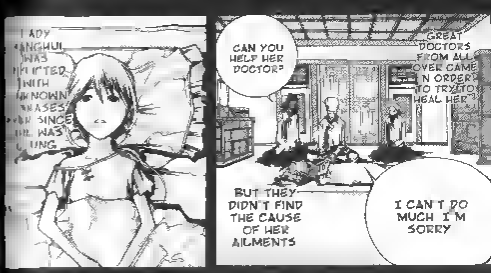
FINE.
I'LL DO IT.

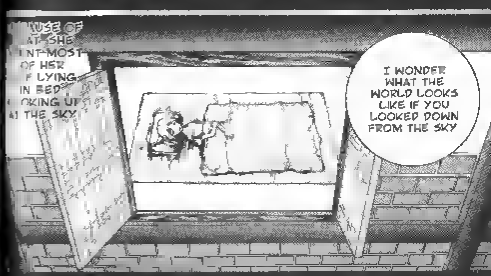

BUT, I HAVE A QUESTION I'D LIKE TO ASK FIRST.
WHAT IS IT?

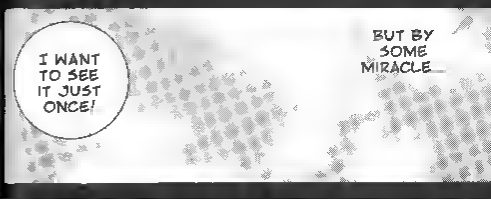
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU RAISED SANGHUI WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND SOUL...
...SO WHY ARE YOU WILLING TO PUT HER IN MY HANDS?

I'M CONSTANTLY IN WARM'S WAY
I CAN'T GUARANTEE HER SAFETY


WE CAN'T GUARANTEE HER SAFETY HERE, EITHER.
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

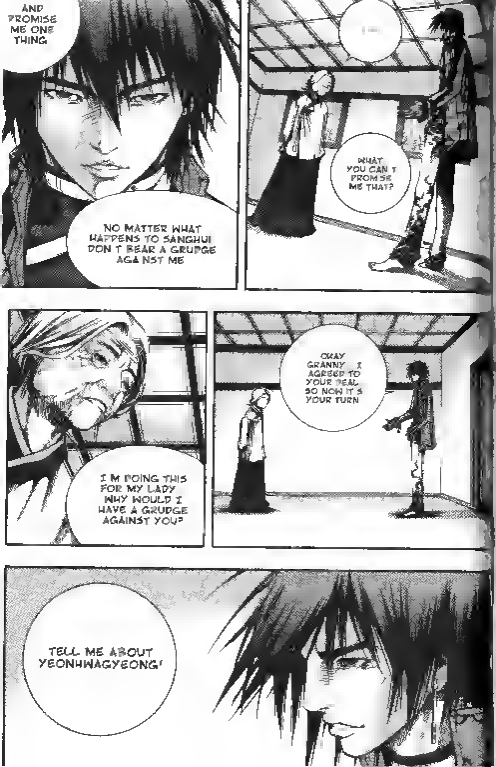

LADY SANGHUI WAS ADMITTED WITH UNKNOWN DISEASES. AND SINCE SHE WAS YOUNG
CAN YOU HELP HER DOCTOR?
GREAT DOCTORS FROM ALL OVER CAME IN ORDER TO TRY TO HEAL HER
BUT THEY DIDN'T FIND THE CAUSE OF HER AILMENTS
I CAN'T DO MUCH I'M SORRY


WISE OF ATSHE LAY MOST OF HER LYING IN BED LOOKING UP AT THE SKY
I WONDER WHAT THE WORLD LOOKS LIKE IF YOU LOOKED DOWN FROM THE SKY


I WANT TO SEE IT JUST ONCE!
BUT BY SOME MIRACLE...

SHE STARTED IMPROVING A FEW MONTHS AGO, AND SHE'S BETTER NOW
AND NOW SHE CAN GO OUTSIDE. SHE IS ABLE TO LIVE HER DREAM OF SEEING THE OUTSIDE WORLD
SHE WAS OUT ON HER FIRST ADVENTURE WHEN YOU RESCUED HER. SHE DIDN'T THINK THAT SHE'D BE TARGETED BY THIEVES.
BUT SHE'S STILL NOT FULLY HEALED, AND WE DON'T KNOW WHEN HER SICKNESS COULD COME BACK.
AND IF THAT HAPPENS, SHE MIGHT NOT LIVE THROUGH IT.

SHE SEEMED A BIT PALE
I JUST THOUGHT SHE WAS CONSTIPATED
MEN
AT THIS POINT, BOTH HER FATHER AND I WANT LADY SANGHUI TO DO ALL THE THINGS THAT SHE PLEASES.
BUT, THIS TIME, IT'S SO DANGEROUS THAT IT'S MAKING US RETHINK
WE'RE TROUBLED OVER THIS OUR SELVES.
IS SHE SAYING I'M DANGEROUS?
FINE.
I'LL SHOW HER ALL THE WORLD SHE CAN HANDLE.
I'LL LET HER EXPERIENCE ALL THE SWEET THINGS AND THE BITTER THINGS.
I'D PREFER ONLY THE SWEET THINGS, HONG GIL-DONG!
I'LL TRY, HE HE


AND PROMISE ME ONE THING.
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO SANGHUI DON T BEAR A GRUDGE AGA NST ME
WHAT YOU CAN T PROMISE ME THAT?
I M DOING THIS FOR MY LADY WHY WOULD I HAVE A GRUDGE AGAINST YOU?
OKAY GRANNY I AGREED TO YOUR DEAL SO NOW IT S YOUR TURN
TELL ME ABOUT YEONHWAGYEONG!

Chapter 19
A New Journey